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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re:	Patent Application of Eugene R. Zehler	: Group Art Unit: 3683
Appln. No:	10/051,938	: Examiner: Bradley T. King
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**APPELLANT'S REPLY BRIEF UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.193(b)**

In response to the Examiner's Answer, dated February 24, 2004 (Paper No. 14), Appellants submit herewith a Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. §1.193(b). This Reply Brief is being timely filed on or before April 26, 2004 (April 24, 2004 being a Saturday).

Appellant respectfully requests that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, before making its decision on this appeal, consider the following rebuttals to statements made in the Examiner's Answer, as set forth below in detail.

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